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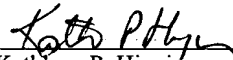
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of H. Hofland, D. Lamons, and X. Meng
Application No. 09/996,838 Group No. 1632
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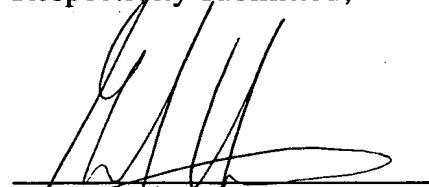
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